

REMARKS

Claims 1-66 were presented for examination and subject to an election of species requirement. By this amendment, Claims 28, 39-44, 53, and 60 have been amended, Claim 67 has been added, and Claims 29-38, 45-48, 54-55, and 61-66 have been canceled without abandonment of the subject matter of the canceled claims and without prejudice to applicant to file an application for patent directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims in the future. Claims 1-28, 39-44, 49-53, 56-60, and 67 are now pending.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicant hereby elects the single disclosed species illustrated by FIGURES 1 and 2. The claims readable on the elected species are Claims 1-12, 14-25, 49-52, and 67.

Previously independent Claims 28, 53, and 60 have been amended to depend from the independent claims associated with the elected species. Claims dependent on these claims have been amended in view of the amendments to claims 28, 53 and 60. No new matter has been inserted.

Claim 67 has been added. Claim 67 depends from Claim 1. Claim 67 is supported by the specification as originally filed.

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Applicant believes that Claims 1-28, 39-44, 49-53, 56-60, and 67 are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed by telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicant's attorney at 206.695.1755.

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